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REMARKS

1. Claim amendments:

- 5 Claims 1-6, 12, and 13 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the merits thereof.

The applicant asserts that the application is thus placed in condition for allowance.
Allowance of the application is hereby requested.

- 10 2. Rejection of claims 1-6 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by
 Ichimura (US 4,498,720):

Claims 1-6 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the merits
thereof.

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3. Rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ichimura
as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Kim (US 5,978,229):

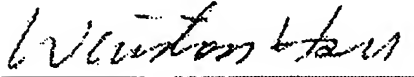
Claim 12 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the merits thereof.

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